

Young says he'll vote to impeach

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, announced Wednesday he will vote for the impeachment of President Nixon.

Young also said he would oppose any effort by Congress to grant Nixon immunity for criminal or civil prosecution. "No citizen, including the president, should be held above the law," Young said.

UNTIL NOW, Young had declined to state his views on whether the President should be impeached by the House. He has generally been considered a loyal supporter of Nixon in the past, and earlier in the year criticized the House Judiciary Committee's

handling of the impeachment inquiry.

Like many other Republicans, Young announced that he will vote for impeachment after Nixon disclosed Monday his role in trying to cover up the Watergate scandal.

Young made his announcement here at about noon, after returning to Washington from Alaska late Tuesday night.

"MONDAY'S REVELATION by the President of his role in the cover-up of the Watergate break-in was of such disturbing proportions that I can no longer maintain my previous position," Young said in a statement.

Young said he would vote for Article One of the impeachment articles approved by the House Judiciary Com-

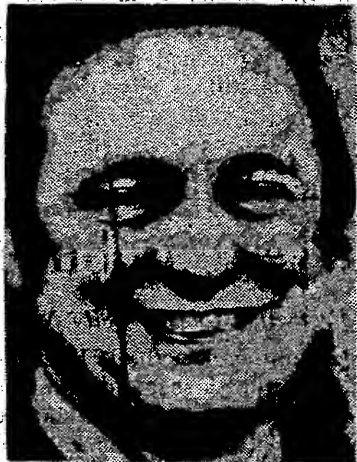
mittee. That article charges the President with obstruction of justice.

Young said he has not yet decided how he will vote on other articles of impeachment.

YOUNG DECLINED to join those Republicans asking Nixon to resign. He said constitutional procedures should be followed, which would lead to a Senate trial of the President.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, likewise has not called for Nixon's resignation, and continues to believe the impeachment process should be allowed to run its course, a spokesman for Stevens said.

Stevens also opposes granting Nixon immunity from prosecution, the spokesman said.



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